

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H3418, as Amended**

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TO:	The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Voting – Valid photo ID Card		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
See Below

BILL SUMMARY:

The proposed Bill amends Section 7-13-710, as amended, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the presentation of a person's proof of his right to vote, so as to allow the elector to produce certain valid photo identification at the time of casting his ballot. The Bill further requires a poll manager to compare the photograph on the required identification with the person presenting himself to vote and verify that the photograph is that of the person seeking to vote. The Bill as amended would strike language regarding the collection of a five dollar fee for the issuance of a special identification card.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

State Election Commission

A review of this Bill by the Commission indicates there will be a cost to the General Fund of the State of approximately \$110,000 for voter education, on-line poll manager training and updating handbooks.

Department of Motor Vehicles

The Department indicates this Bill will have a one time impact of \$3,520 for cost associated with programming and testing of the system to accommodate the requirements of this Bill.

South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT)

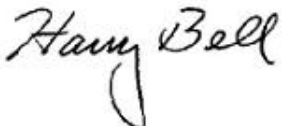
As amended by House Judiciary, the Bill strikes the later portion of Section 56-1-3350, which directs funding to the SCDOT State Non-Federal Aid Highway Fund. As a result, the SCDOT indicates this would have a negative impact on the Department's revenue stream and other funds expenditure levels.

SPECIAL NOTES:

The State Election Commission requests funding for primary and statewide general elections, and if this Bill is enacted, these additional expenditures would be included as part of its budget request.

The Board of Economic Advisors is the appropriate entity to address any revenue impact associated with this or any other Bill.

Approved by:



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